

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR: METHOD TO DETERMINE THE VALUE OF PROCESS PARAMETERS BASED ON
SCATTEROMETRY DATA

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed **August 28, 2009** (the "Office Action"), please consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 033975** (Ref. No. 081468-0356680).